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SUBJECT: BRIEFING CYPRIOTS ON SECRETARY'S ANKARA TALKS

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TO THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1) CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO WAS TRAVELING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IN THE NEAR EAST, HAS REQUESTED A BRIEFING ON YOUR RECENT ANKARA VISIT. THOUGH WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY TELLING MAKARIOS AND CHRISTOPHIDES VERY MUCH IT MAY BE UNWISE SIMPLY TO IGNORE THEIR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE PREPARED FOR YOUR APPROVAL THE FOLLOWING ANODYNE "ORAL MESSAGE" WHICH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD COULD DELIVER TO MAKARIOS AND/OR CHRISTOPHIDES FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO NICOSIA MAY 28.

2) BEGIN TEXT: IN MY TWO DAYS IN ANKARA, I HAD A NUMBER OF USEFUL TALKS WITH TURKISH LEADERS. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IS POSSIBLE.

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THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO ACCEPT THE NEED FOR

MOVING TOWARD A SETTLEMENT, BOTH THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, AND THROUGH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH GREECE.

3) WHILE IN ANKARA, I DID MY BEST TO EXPLAIN TO TURKISH LEADERS WHY IT WAS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO MOVE NOW TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, AND TO SHOW THE FLEXIBILITY WHICH WILL MAKE MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION POSSIBLE. I STRESSED IN PARTICULAR THE NEED FOR TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH TERRITORY AND REFUGEES.

4) THE ARMS EMBARGO WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. IT WAS AGAIN APPARENT THAT THE EMBARGO HAS REDUCED OUR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL AND WORKS AGAINST PROGRESS TOWARD THE KIND OF SETTLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS DESIRES.

5) AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT AND I WILL BE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH AND GREEK LEADERS IN BRUSSELS LATER THIS WEEK. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CYPRUS ISSUES ARE POSSIBLE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO ADVANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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